

I am writing to urge you to vote against Gov. Lamont's proposed gun control measures. Gun control is racist and classist. Wealthy or upper-middle-class white people have the employment autonomy and extra financial means to navigate bureaucratic hoops and pay for licensing fees. Black, brown, and poor people suffer unduly when a state places extra burdens on legal ownership. This disparity in the accessibility of legal firearms ownership and the fundamental human right of self-defense furthers the cause of white supremacy in this state. The first gun control laws explicitly forbade black Americans from owning or carrying arms. This white supremacist reversion is especially evident in Gov. Lamont's proposal to ban the legal carrying of weapons on public transportation. An elderly black man in Bridgeport who takes the bus to get groceries will be forbidden the means to defend himself while a wealthy white man in Greenwich can carry legally in his Range Rover.

People for whom crime is a profession seem to break gun laws with depressing consistency as the local police blotters are filled with reports of convicted felons illegally carrying their illegally owned firearm with their illegal full ("high") capacity magazines. Meanwhile legal owners are faced with hoop after burden after hoop.

Lastly, I urge you to repeal the ban the standard ("high") capacity magazines that come standard with many modern firearms. Why do criminals get to have full ("high") capacity magazines while those of us who follow the law are neutered to 10 rounds?

I urge you to stop fostering white supremacy and making the barriers to entry for legal ownership of weapons by black and brown law-abiding citizens so high. Many thanks for your time and God bless you.

Yours faithfully,

John Marciano  
Stamford, CT  
M: 908-477-7747